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TO: HEADS OF ALL FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

The Federal depository library program was established by Congress to provide Federal government information to the public through libraries. Traditionally, the information has been provided in paper and microform. However, as more and more Federal information is being produced and accessed through electronic means, depository libraries and their users have become anxious to receive some information in electronic format.

In response to this expression of interest, the Joint Committee on Printing established an Ad Hoc Committee to evaluate the feasibility and desirability of providing access to certain government information in electronic format to depository libraries. The Ad Hoc Committee recently submitted to the Joint Committee on Printing its report entitled, "Provision of Federal Government Publications in Electronic Format to Depository Libraries."

That report recommended that "the Joint Committee on Printing and the Superintendent of Documents initiate a pilot program in which depository libraries will receive Federal information in electronic form and provide it to the general public free of charge."

We expect to consider the establishment of several pilot projects. We also expect that these projects will provide sufficient information to the Congress so that an informed decision can be made about the viability and cost effectiveness of providing information electronically to libraries. In order to give everyone an opportunity to comment upon the report and to make suggestions for possible pilot projects, the Joint Committee on Printing will hold a public forum on Wednesday, June 26, 1985, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 106 Dirksen Senate Office Building. You and your staff are invited to attend. I have enclosed a copy of the report for your information.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Charles McC. Mathias, Jr.
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